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# Diplomatic Cloak Taken Off CIA; Other Cover for Agents Is Up to Them

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HYANNIS PORT, Mass., July 1.—As part of President Kennedy's overhaul of the Central Intelligence Agency, large numbers of CIA agents are being quietly withdrawn from United States embassies overseas, the Herald Tribune News Service has learned.

Up to now, CIA agents have enjoyed "diplomatic covers," the cloak-and-dagger phrase for agents operating under the guise of embassy personnel. In fact, however, American Ambassadors overseas have no control over such CIA agents, even though they nominally are attached to the State Department. This has led to conflicts and embarrassments in the past.

The move does not mean that the overseas CIA personnel will stop operating. But those being withdrawn from "diplomatic cover" will have to find other ways to cloak

their activities, according to sources in Washington.

Presumably more will now be posing as American businessmen. In the "dirty tricks" trade this is known as "commercial cover."

Meanwhile, it was understood that the President's decision on whether and how to streamline CIA is coming to a head. In the wake of the Cuban invasion disaster, Mr. Kennedy named Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor to study what might be done to overhaul the intelligence system.

Gen. Taylor, named last week as the President's "military representative" in the White House, reported orally to the Chief Executive—presumably a precaution to avoid "news leaks" about the intelligence survey. (The President has ordered the FBI to investigate news leaks about Berlin contingency planning.) While the Taylor report is super-secret, it can be stated

that two broad changes in the intelligence establishment are currently under consideration by the White House.

First is a proposal to merge the intelligence and research division of the State Department with the CIA intelligence-gathering functions into a new agency.

The second proposal would be to take away from CIA all operational functions, such as its organization of the invasion of Cuba by anti-Castro exiles.

The problem is where to put the operational arm of CIA if it is removed from the agency.